

MINUTES  
NORTHEAST OHIO REGIONAL SEWER DISTRICT  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING  
APRIL 2, 2020

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District was called to order at 12:30 p.m. by Darnell Brown.

President Brown opened the meeting by addressing the COVID-19 pandemic. He stated that the COVID-19 pandemic continues to be a matter of serious concern. It remains a state of emergency under Governor DeWine's executive order and Mayor Jackson's proclamation of a civil emergency.

Since the last Board meeting, the Director of the Ohio Department of Health issued a "Stay at Home" order on March 22<sup>nd</sup>, including prohibitions of mass gatherings of more than ten people and social distancing requirements and recommendations.

On March 27<sup>th</sup>, Governor DeWine signed into law Amended, Substitute House Bill 197 which included an immediately effective provision permitting members of a public body to host their meetings by means of electronic technology such as today's videoconference, provided it allows the public to observe and hear the discussion and deliberations of all participating members of the public body.

Under the new law, Board Members participating in the meeting via electronic means are considered present and may vote as if in person at the meeting.

In the interest of the safety of the public and District staff, the Board is conducting the meeting pursuant to the new law via live stream videoconference using the Zoom video communications tool.

Members of the public may have access to the meeting using the Zoom login link found on the District's website at [www.neorsd.org](http://www.neorsd.org), and they will be able to observe and hear our discussions and deliberations through the videoconference.

Notice that the regularly scheduled meeting would be held electronically was posted on the District's website on March 29<sup>th</sup> and information necessary for the public to log in to the Zoom videoconference was posted yesterday.

The notice also informed members of the public who wish to address the Board to make such request known to the Chief Executive Officer through the Zoom system prior to the start of the meeting.

I. Roll Call

PRESENT: Darnell Brown  
Ronald Sulik  
Samuel Alai  
Terence Joyce  
Jack Bacci  
Timothy DeGeeter  
Sharon Dumas

The Secretary informed the President that a quorum was in attendance.

II. Approval of Minutes

**MOTION** – Mayor Alai moved, and Mr. Sulik seconded to approve the Minutes of the March 19, 2020, Board Meeting. Without objection, the motion carried unanimously.

III. Public Session

There were no items.

IV. Chief Executive Officer's Report

Kyle Dreyfuss-Wells, Chief Executive Officer, focused her report on the District's response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Ms. Dreyfuss-Wells informed the Board that through the good work and creative thinking of leadership, the District has structured schedules and working arrangements for 85% of District staff, or 638 employees, to be on either modified schedules or teleworking. This is a significant increase from the 30% of staff teleworking as of the March 19<sup>th</sup> Board meeting.

The District has developed a COVID-19 Emergency Work Plan to track these working arrangements, as well as policies covering telework, temporary minimum staffing, and a temporary on-call policy, all to guide employees through their current working arrangements.

The District continues its focus on social distancing for employees working onsite and ensuring proper PPE for those for whom it is necessary.

In addition to allowances of the COVID-19 leave policy already in place, the District has amended its policy to reflect changes in federal law, which allows for up to 80 hours of paid sick leave and additional paid time off for employees who have lost access to child care due to COVID-19. The details of each policy are available on the District Intranet and staff is updated of any changes. Ms. Dreyfuss-Wells encouraged District staff to make checking the Intranet part of their daily

routine. Ms. Dreyfuss-Wells further advised the Board that the District is holding regular meetings with AFSME, as this situation is developing rapidly.

The District continues to be a 24-hour per day, 7-days per week, 365-days per year operation, as it relates to treating wastewater and managing stormwater.

The Incident Management Team continues to plan for the progression of the pandemic and currently all construction projects are continuing, with the exception of the Westerly Storage Tunnel mining operation. The contractor on that project has discontinued underground operations at that site due to their concerns about their inability to properly exercise social distancing in the confined spaces of the tunnels and shaft. The District is beginning to experience some scheduling impacts on construction projects with confined workspaces. Ms. Dreyfuss-Wells indicated that Devona Marshall, Director of Engineering and Construction, will provide a full update regarding the status of ongoing construction projects at the April 16<sup>th</sup> Board meeting.

In closing, Ms. Dreyfuss-Wells reported that the District's Finance Department received the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting from the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA), for its 2018 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report. It is recognition that the District has met the highest standards of financial reporting and disclosure, which is very important to the GFOA, and the documents are structured in such a way that it encourages people to read them.

V. Action Items

Authorization to Advertise

Resolution No. 96-20                      Authorization to publish notice calling for bids, in accordance with Ohio Revised Code Chapter 6119, for industrial cleaning services with an anticipated expenditure of \$600,000.00.

Resolution No. 97-20                      Authorization to publish notice calling for bids, in accordance with Ohio Revised Code Chapter 6119, for the West Creek Bank Stabilization at Sandpiper Drive in Parma project with an anticipated expenditure of \$2,300,000.00.

Resolution No. 98-20                      Authorization to publish notice calling for bids, in accordance with Ohio Revised Code Chapter 6119, for the Westerly Tunnel Dewatering Pump Station project anticipated expenditure of \$35,000,000.00.

**MOTION** – Mayor Alai moved, and Mr. Sulik seconded to adopt Resolution Nos. 96-20 through 98-20. After the following discussion, without objection, the motion carried unanimously.

President Brown asked for clarification regarding the dollar amount associated with Resolution No. 96-20, as \$448,000 has already been expended in the first 24-month period of the contract.

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Frank Foley, Director of Operation & Maintenance, explained that under the current contract there was one large, unanticipated project at the Westerly WWTP to remove solids from the CSOTF facility, which utilized approximately \$280,000 of contract funds. Additional projects of that magnitude are not anticipated and the estimated total contract value of \$600,000 should be sufficient.

President Brown asked for additional information regarding Resolution No. 98-20, noting that it appears to be a similar project to the Easterly Tunnel Dewatering Pump Station, but has a significantly lower cost. Ms. Marshall advised the Board that while they are similar projects inasmuch as they are both deep pump stations intended to dewater tunnels, they differ greatly in capacity. The Westerly pump station will dewater one tunnel with a 36 MGD capacity using submersible pumps that require a smaller shaft size and less excavation, saving an estimated \$10 to \$20 million. The Easterly pump station is responsible for dewatering three tunnels with a 160 MGD capacity and required a significantly larger shaft and more intensive excavating due to the use of dry pit pumps. Additionally, the use of submersible pumps and lessons learned from the Easterly project should aid in the execution of the Westerly Tunnel Dewatering Pump Station project.

Authorization to Issue Request for Proposal (RFP)

Resolution No. 99-20                      Authorization to issue an RFP, in accordance with Ohio Revised Code Chapter 6119, for Financial Advisory Services.

Resolution No. 100-20                    Authorization to issue an RFP, in accordance with Ohio Revised Code Chapter 6119, for Invasive Plant Species Assessment and Treatment Services at Green Infrastructure sites constructed under Project Clean Lake and the Regional Stormwater Management Program, for a two-year term.

Resolution No. 101-20                    Authorization to issue an RFP, in accordance with Ohio Revised Code Chapter 6119, for software and professional services under the Environment, Health and Safety Program Management Software project.

**MOTION** – Mayor Alai moved, and Mr. Sulik seconded to adopt Resolution Nos. 99-20 through 101-20. Without objection, the motion carried unanimously.

Authorization to Enter Into Agreement

Resolution No. 102-20                    Authorization to enter into a design-build agreement with Nerone & Sons, Inc. for the Debris Racks & Access Road Improvements - Various Locations project in an amount not-to-exceed \$285,687.00.

**MOTION** – Mayor Alai moved, and Mr. Sulik seconded to adopt Resolution No. 102-20. After the following discussion, without objection, the motion carried unanimously.

President Brown asked how the District ensures that it is receiving good pricing for the construction aspect of this project. Frank Greenland, Director of Watershed Programs, explained that this is a Design-Build project for debris racks at key collection areas which require either different racks or better access to do the types of things needed in an urgent storm situation. Due to the nature of the project, it was determined that a Design-Build approach is more cost effective. There will be a discussion with the Design-Build team once the process is further along to reevaluate the construction costs and once the project reaches the 60% design stage, the District will return to the Board for approval of those projected costs.

President Brown commented that he is familiar with a number of the locations identified in this project and as they drain significant areas of land, it is critical that they function properly to prevent adverse impacts. He asked whether the District is anticipating what will happen to the tributaries moving forward. Mr. Greenland indicated that they will be evaluated and added that the primary issue is ensuring that each site has the appropriate bar rack in place and that it can be quickly accessed for maintenance and debris removal. Some locations have camera access which allows for site monitoring and debris to be removed quickly, when necessary. The District has an urgent storm response, wherein racks and culverts are inspected to ensure that they are free and clear prior to the start of a significant weather event.

Authorization to Amend Agreement

Resolution No. 103-20                      Authorization to Amend Agreement No. 17001763 with the Department of the Army, US Army Corps of Engineers for the Euclid Creek Spillway Feasibility Study for additional professional services necessary under the Agreement in an additional amount of \$26,250.00, thereby bringing the total agreement amount not-to-exceed \$166,250.00.

**MOTION** – Mayor Alai moved, and Mr. Sulik seconded to adopt Resolution No. 103-20. Without objection, the motion carried unanimously.

Authorization to Assign Agreement

Resolution No. 104-20                      Authorizing the assignment of Agreement No. 14002961 with PCM Sales, Inc. to Insight Direct USA, Inc., effective January 1, 2020, for application hosting services under the District's SharePoint application platform with all current terms and conditions of the Agreement to remain unchanged under the assignment.

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Resolution No. 105-20            Authorizing the assignment of Agreement No. 17006653 with Solar Testing Laboratories, Inc. to ECS Midwest, LLC, effective February 29, 2020, for Testing and Construction Inspection Services with all current terms and conditions of the Agreement to remain unchanged under the assignment.

**MOTION** – Mayor Alai moved, and Mr. Sulik seconded to adopt Resolution Nos. 104-20 through 105-20. Without objection, the motion carried unanimously.

Authorization to Enter Into Contract

Resolution No. 106-20            Authorization to enter into a construction contract with S.E.T., Inc. for the Doan Valley Regulators/Relief Sewers project in an amount not-to-exceed \$2,927,952.99.

**MOTION** – Mayor Alai moved, and Mr. Sulik seconded to adopt Resolution No. 106-20. Without objection, the motion carried unanimously.

Authorization of Contract Modification

Resolution No. 107-20            Authorizing modification of the District’s Contract with Unifirst Corporation for Uniform Rental and Cleaning at All District Facilities for an additional amount of \$31,651.33 toward final payment for lost and missing garments, thereby bringing the total contract amount not-to-exceed \$440,710.22.

Resolution No. 108-20            Authorizing final adjusting change order for Contract No. 18005745 with Ward and Burke Tunneling, Inc. for the Dugway Regulators and Relief Sewer project by increasing the contract amount by \$13,277.72, thereby bringing the total contract amount to \$4,783,377.72.

**MOTION** – Mayor Alai moved, and Mr. Sulik seconded to adopt Resolution Nos. 107-20 through 108-20. Without objection, the motion carried unanimously.

Sewer Use Code Matters

Resolution No. 109-20            Adopting the findings of the Hearing Officer with regard to the sewer charges on the account of One Bratenahl Place Condominium Association, Sewer District Hearing No. 19-002, that the customer’s request be denied.

**MOTION** – Mayor Alai moved, and Mr. Sulik seconded to adopt Resolution No. 109-20. Without objection, the motion carried unanimously.

Property Related Transaction

Resolution No. 110-20 Authorizing the District to acquire one permanent stormwater easement and one temporary easement on property known as part of PPN 531-23-003, located at 800 W. Resource Drive, in the City of Brooklyn Heights, owned by Koehler Rubber & Supply Co., necessary for the construction and maintenance of the West Creek Temporary Stream Bank Stabilization at Lancaster Bridge project with total consideration of \$1.00.

Resolution No. 111-20 Authorizing the District to acquire one parcel in fee simple on property known as PPN 761-16-005, located at 4272 Cricket Lane, in the City of Warrensville Heights, owned by West Creek Conservancy, necessary for the construction and maintenance of the Mill Creek Bank Stabilization project, and to allow for the entirety of the payment to be disbursed to Innovative Title and Escrow Services, LLC. with total consideration of \$74,000.00 plus closing costs.

**MOTION** – Mayor Alai moved, and Mr. Sulik seconded to adopt Resolution Nos. 110-20 through 111-20. Without objection, the motion carried unanimously.

Authorization to Grant Authority

Resolution No. 112-20 Authorization to grant the Chief Executive Officer standing authority to participate in the Ohio Department of Transportation’s annual Winter Contract for Road Salt program and authorizing the purchase of road salt for all District facilities from ODOT’s selected vendor without additional Board of Trustees authorization in an amount not-to-exceed \$50,000.00 per year.

**MOTION** – Mayor Alai moved, and Mr. Sulik seconded to adopt Resolution No. 112-20. Without objection, the motion carried unanimously.

Authorization to Ratify Emergency Expenditures

Resolution No. 113-20 Ratification of expenditures to Nerone & Sons for emergency repairs under the Euclid Beach Netting Facility embankment erosion emergency repairs project in an amount not-to-exceed \$120,494.69.

**MOTION** – Mayor Alai moved, and Mr. Sulik seconded to adopt Resolution No. 113-20. Without objection, the motion carried unanimously.

Authorization to Execute Petition

Resolution No. 114-20 Authorizing the District to execute the petition for the comprehensive services plan for the continued operations of the Downtown Cleveland Special Improvement District and to pay all assessments issued thereunder.

**MOTION** –Mayor Alai moved, and Mr. Sulik seconded to adopt Resolution No. 114-20. By rollcall vote with abstention by President Brown and Ms. Dumas, without objection, the motion carried unanimously.

Ratifying and Determining the Essential Governmental Functions, Essential Infrastructure Functions and Necessary Contracts

Resolution No. 115-20 Ratifying the Chief Executive Officer’s determination that all District functions are “Essential Governmental Functions” and “Essential Infrastructure” pursuant to the Ohio Department of Health (ODH) Director’s March 22, 2020, Stay At Home Order in Response to the COVID-19 Pandemic (the “Order”) and affirmatively making such determination.

Ratifying the CEO’s determination that all District employees and all contracts/contractors are necessary to the performance of Essential District Functions and affirmatively making such determination.

Affirming the authority of the CEO under the District’s Bylaws to make any and all ongoing future determinations of the essential nature of District functions and the identification of employees and contracts/contractors necessary for the performance of Essential District functions.

**MOTION** –Mayor Alai moved, and Mr. Sulik seconded to adopt Resolution No. 115-20. After the following discussion, without objection, the motion carried unanimously.

President Brown asked for an explanation of how Resolution No. 115-20 came to be in the current state of affairs. Eric Luckage, Chief Legal Officer, explained that under the Stay at Home Order (the “Order”) issued by the Director of the Department of Health, “Essential Governmental Functions” and “Essential Infrastructure” are permitted to carry on throughout the state and the determination of Essential Governmental Functions under the Order is left to the determination of each governmental body.

As this has unfolded since that Order, Ms. Dreyfuss-Wells has made the determination that all of the District functions are Essential Governmental Functions, Essential Infrastructure and has also



determined that all District contracts and contractors and employees are all necessary to carry out those essential functions.

Under the District Bylaws, the CEO is also given extensive powers when the National Incident Management System (NIMS) is activated, which has happened and there are additional authorities in the Bylaws granting general control of the District's day-to-day functions to the CEO.

The District believes that the CEO had sufficient existing authority to make these determinations, but the order from the ODH was unclear on who needs to make that designation. Because it was unclear whether the Board or the CEO should do that, the District found it prudent to have the Board ratify the past determinations of the CEO, affirm those determinations and affirm her authority to make any ongoing adjustments as necessary.

Ratification and Authorization to Implement Emergency Employment Measures

Resolution No. 116-20      Authorizing the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) to adopt, amend and implement new and existing employment and labor policies, protocols, agreements, and decisions necessary for protection of the health and safety of District employees and in response to the COVID-19 emergency while ensuring performance of the District's Essential Governmental Functions of wastewater treatment, stormwater management/flood control, and operation and maintenance of its Essential Infrastructure and other public works, and ratification of all employment and labor policies, protocols, agreements and decisions that have been adopted, amended and implemented to date, including, but not limited to, the *The Families First Coronavirus Response Act and Covid-19 Leave Policy*, the *COVID-19 Pandemic Influenza Temporary Telework Policy*, as revised, and the *Temporary Minimum Staffing and Temporary On-Call Policy – COVID-19*.

**MOTION** –Mayor Alai moved, and Mr. Sulik seconded to adopt Resolution No. 116-20. After the following discussion, without objection, the motion carried unanimously.

President Brown asked Ms. Dreyfuss-Wells and Mr. Luckage if they would like to expound on Resolution No. 116-20. Ms. Dreyfuss-Wells indicated that as was discussed in her CEO update, the District is making policy decisions to ensure that it is responsive to both protecting the health and safety of employees and ensuring that it continues to provide its essential functions. The District has worked to capture each decision in a policy document and distribute those documents to employees in an effort to ensure clarity, as things are happening quickly.

Mr. Luckage added that, as with Resolution No. 115-20, the District Bylaws grant the CEO authority in emergency situations when the NIMS is activated. The Bylaws also confer to the CEO extensive authority with respect to human resources decisions. In response to the emergency the District has implemented a number of policies, some of which provide additional leave beyond

normal working arrangements and providing compensation to on-call staff beyond what is included in the collective bargaining agreements. While the CEO has extensive authorities to make these policies, because the policies differ from the collective bargaining agreement and other policies, the District thought it prudent for the Board to ratify those policies and to give the CEO clear affirmative authority moving forward to make any adjustments to those policies and to make any other policies that are necessary on the human resources front.

Ms. Dumas asked for additional information regarding compensation offered outside of union agreements. Mr. Luckage explained that in an effort to carry on essential functions while maintaining social distancing, the District has enacted a system at the plants that reduces the number of staff that would normally report for a shift. Some of the staff are on-call so they are not reporting but getting paid, which is a different provision than provided in the agreements. Mr. Luckage clarified that it is not additional compensation above their normal pay.

#### VI. Information Items

President Brown requested a brief overview regarding the information items contained in the Board packet, addressing the industrial pretreatment program. Mr. Greenland advised that the District is required to publish annually the list of non-compliant industrial customers. He indicated that overall, compliance is good, and the District's industrial team is doing a good job. Over the past three years, the numbers have been consistent. However, occasionally there are industrial entities in non-compliance, requiring the District's WQIS group to work with Ohio EPA and criminal task forces.

Mr. Greenland moved his presentation to the Regional Stormwater Management Program (RSMP) update, beginning with the prior weekend's rain event. He indicated that March had seen precipitation levels that were 2 to 3 inches above normal, which had raised stream levels. Over a two-day period, there was significant rain across most of the service area, ranging from 2.2 to 3.6 inches of rain depending on location. The rain came in large bursts, further raising the stream levels and on Sunday, resulted in flooding.

The District has multiple USGS stream gauges to monitor water levels, several of which were checked following this rain event. Big Creek in Cleveland was at flood stage, with one of the highest levels on record, as was the Cuyahoga River in Independence. Mill Creek showed moderate flooding, and there was some minor flooding in the Chagrin River, Rocky River and West Creek areas. Mr. Greenland provided a graph demonstrating how the water levels quickly rose, then quickly receded.

In advance of a large rain event, the District visits problem areas to ensure they are free of debris. There are 21 locations that are inspected every 90 days and 39 locations referred to as urgent storm response assets, which are inspected prior to the storm event to maximize conveyance. Those systems were cleaned in March in advance of this event. Mr. Greenland discussed some of the problem areas, such as Shaker Lake and Horseshoe Lake, that have outlet issues. Doan Brook has three debris racks that collected significant debris.

The reason for the flooding is twofold. First, large regional streams carry significant flow from a large area. When there is heavy wind, branches, leaves and other debris come down onto the forest floor. When a significant rain event occurs, the streams flood and pick up the debris from the forest floor and carry it downstream to a trap. It may be a trash rack or a circular culvert that becomes blocked by the debris. There were issues at Veterans Memorial Park, Bonny Banks, Seven Hills, Hemlock Basin, Kerruish, and other sites where the District is currently working to collect and remove debris.

President Brown asked specifically what is being done at Doan Brook, as this is the second time that he is aware of the debris rack being completely obstructed and major flooding. Mr. Greenland explained that as of Friday, all of the debris racks were cleaned in advance of the storm, but as the storm event progressed, debris accumulated. As debris accumulates, the water depth rises, making it exceedingly difficult to remove debris during a flooding event. The District mobilized to remove the debris as soon as possible and has essentially swept the area clean. Additionally, the District is increasing the frequency of inspections and cleanup in the area. Ms. Marshall added that the debris rack at the entrance of the culvert associated with the ongoing Doan Valley Tunnel construction at Ambler Park will be removed by the end of this month, and the other two will remain.

Mr. Greenland advised that there are still multiple sites being inspected following this event. To date, there are 36 sites, totaling 769 cubic yards of primarily woody timber, which is the largest one-day storm event removal since the program began in 2013, adding that the cycle of intense rains, flooding streams and debris falling into the watershed is problematic, but the District will continue to act preemptively in that regard, as much as possible.

Mr. Greenland briefly addressed the stormwater inspection and maintenance (SWIM) activities. SWIM has essentially inspected all of the 475-mile regional storm drainage network to assess condition. Some areas of culverts or stream banks are in better condition than others. Some, while not having a terrible rating, are still unacceptable and very costly to remediate. The District is continuing its efforts to repair culverts and perform stream bank stabilization where appropriate. He provided a graphic demonstrating the far reaches of the program and indicated that the team is performing well, and the maintenance efforts will continue.

Mr. Greenland moved his presentation to technical support and Master Planning Studies. The Cuyahoga River South study is complete, and north is nearing completion. There are two active projects, with Rocky River 84% complete, and the Chagrin River/Lake Erie tributary study is underway and slated for completion next year.

Mr. Greenland provided graphics demonstrating the problem areas in the Cuyahoga River South study, the completion of which to get to a 100-year level of protection would cost approximately \$195 million, with the approach being to undertake the worst projects first. As for the Cuyahoga River North study, there are 71 problem areas and planning level recommendations are coming forth. Ten of those areas have been nominated for construction this year. The total anticipated cost for this project is \$522 million. Mr. Greenland added that the variance in cost between the

projects is not surprising, as the north is much more urbanized and the streams from the south head to the north creating more flow.

The Rocky River Master Plan will total \$221 million, and projects will begin to be nominated later this year. The study should be completed this summer. Regarding the Chagrin River and Lake Erie tributaries, the study is 50% completed. The culvert inspections are complete, but the Doan culvert is being re-inspected, in terms of structural issues or debris deposition. Stream modeling for Doan Brook will be performed in the near future.

Moving to property acquisitions, Mr. Greenland stated that to date, the District has protected 1.6 miles of stream length, with funds being leveraged very well, and demolition projects on track.

Mr. Greenland then addressed design and construction plans. He began by recapping 2019. The KPIs were met with the exception of the delay of the Cuyahoga North Master Plan and though bids were low, did not reach plus or minus 10% of the Engineer's Opinion of Probable Construction Cost. Cashflow, permits, acquisitions, and project execution on professional services and construction all went smoothly.

This year's projects are on track as well. Regarding design, Bear Creek is a culverted stream issue in North Randall. The design process is 50% complete, will cost \$1 million and will be going out to bid. The detailed design contract for Brookside culvert in Cleveland will be awarded soon, with an estimated cost of \$5 million to \$10 million. Big Creek flows through this culvert and the hope is to stabilize the top half of the culvert in a non-obtrusive method. Mr. Greenland provided a series of slides demonstrating problems along Big Creek, Chippewa Creek, and West Creek at Sandpiper.

Mr. Greenland then moved his presentation to water quality monitoring. In addition to dealing with quantity issues and quality improvements with WQIS, the District has been monitoring streams for fish and bug habitat, as well as siltation, phosphorus transfer, and other issues to understand how the work done on the streams affects the ecosystem.

Regarding the Community Cost-Share (CCS) Program, there is \$27 million in CCS funding. Currently, \$7.4 million is committed with executed agreements that are ongoing. Another \$2.6 million in CCS funding is committed to 33 projects wherein the agreements to allow the work to continue are in progress. There is a remaining \$17 million available, of which some communities have entered into allocation agreements which stretch their money allowing them to do bigger projects over a longer time period. To date, there is \$9.3 million that is not allocated to either an agreement or an agreement in progress. Currently, 54 of the 55 communities have participated with the remaining community planning to participate. The communities have invested \$16.6 million over a couple hundred projects. Mr. Greenland concluded his update by providing a graphic demonstrating the wide variety of CCS projects.

President Brown asked for clarification regarding an earlier statement regarding Master Plans, the large cost associated with them and their prioritization. Mr. Greenland explained that the total costs of the Master Plan project recommendations would be greater than \$1 billion if every project

was done to reach the 100-year protection level, but that will not happen everywhere. The District is focusing on being opportunistic when possible to take areas at a one-year flood level of service, meaning that the stream flood annually or multiple times per year, and improve those areas to a ten-year level of service. The focus is to reduce the incidence of frequent flooding.

Open Session

There were no items.

VII. Public Session (any subject matter)

There were no items.

VIII. Executive Session

There were no items.

IX. Adjournment

**MOTION** – President Brown stated business having been concluded, he would entertain a motion to adjourn. Mayor Alai moved, and Mr. Sulik seconded the motion to adjourn at 1:38 p.m. Without objection, the motion carried unanimously.



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Timothy J. DeGeeter, Secretary  
Board of Trustees  
Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District



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Darnell Brown, President  
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